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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>MOROCCO</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Marine Fisheries - Livestock and Veterinary Services Department
3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Marine and freshwater products
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Draft decree No. 2-97-1003 relating to the sanitary and qualitative inspection of marine and freshwater products (16 pages)
6. Description of content: The aim of this draft decree is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lay down the sanitary and qualitative conditions applicable to marine and freshwater products during and after unloading;- lay down the sanitary and hygiene conditions which must be met by plants where marine and freshwater products are handled, treated, prepared, processed, packaged, stored or placed on sale;- hold plants that treat and process marine or freshwater products and by-products accountable for guaranteeing the healthiness of their products by taking all the necessary measures, i.e. by introducing the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) system.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests To harmonize national regulations with the mandatory sanitary standards, protect consumer health, meet the requirements of importing countries and encourage and promote the quality of marine and freshwater products.
8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:

9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Available in Arabic and French
10.	Proposed date of adoption: May 2004
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: After its publication in the Official Journal
12.	Final date for comments: April 2004 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Marine Fisheries - Livestock and Veterinary Services Department Tel: (00 212) 37 76 50 77 Fax: (00 212) 37 76 44 04 E-mail: demamv@mtds.com or lachhab@de.madrpm.gov.ma
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